

PFAS Strategic Roadmap Briefing for Administrator Reagan

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Purpose of Today's Meeting

- Update the Administrator on work of the EPA PFAS Council
- Present the outline of the PFAs Strategic Roadmap and garner the Administrator's feedback
- Review upcoming milestones and seek concurrence on approach to a final Roadmap

Our Charge

- Develop “PFAS 2021-2025 -Safeguarding America's Waters, Air and Land,” a multi-year strategy to deliver critical public health protections to the American public. To develop the strategy, the ECP will review all ongoing actions, propose any necessary modifications and identify new strategies and priorities. The ECP shall make initial recommendations to me within 100 days of its establishment.
- Continue close interagency coordination on regional specific and cross-media issues to assist states, tribes and local communities faced with significant and complex PFAS challenges.
- Work with all national program offices and regions to maximize the impact of the EPA’s funding and financing programs to support cleanup of PFAS pollution, particularly in underserved communities.
- Expand engagement opportunities with federal, state and tribal partners to ensure consistent communications, exchange information and identify collaborative solutions.

Council Members

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Roadmap Outline

- **Preface from Administrator Regan**
 - Vision statement and moral guidepost
- **Introduction**
- **Current Landscape and Trends**
 - Narrative framing the challenges, current regulatory landscape, state of science and research, etc.
- **Strategic Framework**
 - Key goals and objectives to guide EPA actions
- **Actions**
 - Specific actions for the Agency's offices to undertake to achieve the objectives and goals laid out in the framework, with office leads and proposed timeframes

Current Landscape and Trends

- **Lifecycle of PFAS:** Overview of PFAS chemical group
- **Getting upstream of the problem:** How PFAS enter the environment and need for prevention
- **Pervasive presence of PFAS in the environment:** Overview of scope of existing presence in water/air/land and need for remediation
- **Patchwork of regulations:** Current inadequate regulatory framework
- **Whole of government approach:** Addressing PFAS requires cross-agency and intergovernmental coordination
- **Equity and EJ implications:** Addressing disproportionate impacts on vulnerable groups
- **Need for funding:** Resource needs to address the problem
- **Effective interventions are predicated on science:** Need for more research and scientific understanding of PFAS, health impacts, and methods to remediate and destroy
- **Risk communications and transparency:** Importance of education and communication with impacted communities, the press, and other stakeholders

Strategic Framework

The Roadmap's strategic framework is build around (b) (5) central goals. Specific objectives and actions map to each goal.

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Strategic Framework – Goal (b) (5)

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	Identify opportunities for federal actions and partnerships

Strategic Framework – Goal

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Action Examples

Action	Lead Office	Objectives	Anticipated Timeframe
FY 2021			
(b) (5)			
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FY 2022			
(b) (5)			
	(b) (5)		
FY 2023			
(b) (5)			

Discussion

- Does the strategic roadmap present a clear and compelling vision for how the EPA will accelerate action on PFAs?
- Goals and Objectives. Are these the right goals and objectives? Is it possible to make significant and measurable progress on these goals and objectives in the next 4 years?
- Action Plans. Does the format and level of specificity work for the Actions Plans by office?
- Anything that is missing? Unnecessary?

Next Steps

- July: finish drafting Roadmap
- August: feedback sessions and revisions with EPA offices
- September: engagement sessions with federal family
- September-November: engagement sessions with co-regulators and impacted and interested stakeholders

QUESTIONS/ FURTHER DISCUSSION



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